

## NCNG-Moldova State Partnership Program: FY2013 in review





MDASPP1301479 (in Moldova) MP Ops Assessment; 28 Jan - 1 Feb 2013



MDASPP1300006 (in NC) MDA SF visit with B/1/20 SF CO 6-12 Feb 2013



MDASPP1300046 (in Moldova) Nursing Team Operations, ph1 18-22 March 2013



MDASPP13 (in Moldova) Mil-to-Mil Annual Plng Conf 8-9 April 2013



MDASPP1308684 (in NC) Disaster Prep Capacity Building 26 April - 4 May 2013



MDASPP1300016 (in Moldova) NC TAG Visit to Moldova 2 - 4 May 2013



MDASPP1300008 (in Moldova) Parachute Insert Ops Planning 19-26 May 2013



MDASPP13 (in Moldova) Army ROTC - CULP 22 May - 12 June 2013



MDASPP1300009 (in Moldova) System Network Security Mngt 10-14 June 2013



MDASPP1300011 (in Moldova) J1 Org & MOD Mngt 15-19 July 2013



MDASPP1301225 (in Moldova) Nursing Team Ops Ph2 22-26 July 2013



MDASPP1301713 (in Moldova) Peacekeeping Staff Ops 22-26 July 2013



MDASPP1301719 (in Moldova) Med Response Cap Assessment 28 July - 02 August 2013



MDASPP1301720 (in Moldova) **HMA UXO Disposal Capability** 28 July - 02 August 2013



MDACMP1301699 (in Moldova) Em. Prep Capability Analysis 29 - 31 July 2013



MDASPP1300007 (in Moldova) B/1/20 SF ODA2126 - ODT 5-16 August 2013



MDAEC51300012 (in Moldova) **IG Ops Overview** 9-13 September 2013



MDASPP01033 (in Moldova) Soldier Readiness Processing 9-13 September 2013



MDASPP01485 (in NC) 9-13 September 2013



LTG(R) Masiri, Former BDF CDR (in MDA) Long-term Recruiting Planning Humanitarian Aid outreach info meeting 13 September 2013



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For Fiscal Year 2013, the North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) participated in 19 engagements with Moldova, an increase over the 10 engagements in FY2012 and 8 engagements in FY2011. The NCNG accomplished this increased activity through greater cooperation with a variety of other U.S. Government initiatives. For years, NCNG has had a strong working relationship with the European Command (EUCOM) J5, and has primarily conducted engagements funded by the EUCOM J5 or with State Partnership Program (SPP) funds provided by National Guard Bureau (NGB). For FY2013, NCNG was able to coordinate with the Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) program from the U.S. State Department, to begin initiatives at improving Moldova's capacity & capability to dispose of remnant Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) left over from World War II and the Transdnestr Conflict as well as working with Moldova's medical services and first responders on best practices for initial aid to persons injured by UXOs.

In May 2013, the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard and the Commander of the Moldovan Army, signed a Memorandum of Agreement to establish Unit Partnerships as a means of promoting close ties among Soldiers of similar units. This MOA pairs ① the B/1/20<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Company (NCNG) with the Moldovan Special Forces Battalion (MDA), ② the 105<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion (NCNG) with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Peace Keeping Operations Battalion (MDA), and ③ the 130<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (NCNG) with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (MDA).

Also this year, NCNG refined and focused ongoing efforts in working with the Moldovan Army's medical services. NCNG has had a strong history of working with the Moldovans, and just concluded several years of dental exchanges among other activities. Now, NCNG is focusing future medical services engagements to support EUCOM's objective of developing a deployable NATO Level I facility (a battalion aide station). Furthermore, NCNG continues to collaborate with civilian medical services efforts, such as the ongoing dental exchanges and new civilian nurse exchanges. NCNG's 60<sup>th</sup> Troop Command and the State Surgeon's office have taken the lead on this line of engagement that is interweaving Medical Services development efforts by the Department of Defense, Department of State and civilian non-profits.

In addition to these primary efforts, NCNG has worked on a number of other projects. North Carolina continues to collaborate with the Moldovan's in areas of Emergency Management, and conducted two engagements in this area in 2013, with more planed for 2014, to include a new line of engagements in consequence management with regards to a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear type event. Also, the 145<sup>th</sup> Air Wing's Communication's Squadron has continued to serve as a force provider for EUCOM's J6 in conducting Cyber events with the Moldovan J6. This year was the first time that NCNG lead the Army Cadet Command's, ROTC Cultural Understanding & Language Program (CULP) to Moldova, which included 4 Cadre and 30 ROTC students that spent 3 weeks in Moldova learning about the Moldovan Army and culture. And finally, NCNG worked with the Moldovan J1 to refine their personnel management capabilities and in looking at their recruiting practices.

Fiscal Year 2013 was an outstanding year in NCNG's partnership with Moldova. The Guard continues to participate in or facilitate activities that include Military-to-Military, Military-to-Civilian, and Civilian-to-Civilian engagements. NCNG has worked with the NC State Department and a number of civilian activities that engage in Moldova, in support of the NC-Moldova Bilateral Agreement of 2010. This vibrant partnership has truly benefited not only the Moldovan's, but also the North Carolina National Guard. With the SPP, the NCNG stays engaged in Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational relationships that both demonstrate and sustain the NCNG's posture as a Ready, Reliable, Responsive, and Relevant force.